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### **Elkridge Man Convicted of Possession of Child Pornography**

An Elkridge man, convicted in Anne Arundel County of visual surveillance with prurient intent last summer, was convicted of possession of child pornography in Howard County this morning. Christian Giovanni Muniz, 27, of the 6700 block of Huntshire Drive, entered a guilty plea in Howard County Circuit Court this morning.

Muniz was first arrested in November 2016 after a video camera was discovered in the restroom of a Five Below discount store at Arundel Mills where he worked. A search and seizure warrant was subsequently executed at his Elkridge home where police discovered electronic devices containing more than 1933 images and videos of child pornography featuring pre-pubescent girls engaged in sex acts with adult males and females.

He pleaded guilty to three counts of visual surveillance with prurient intent in Anne Arundel County on August 15, 2017 and received a one-year sentence on each count. Two of the sentences were fully suspended. On the third count, all but 30 days were suspended. He was ordered to register as a Tier I sex offender and placed on five years of supervised probation. Howard County Judge Richard S. Bernhardt has set a May 31 sentencing date. Assistant State's Attorney Joanna Miller told the court she will seek a five-year sentence suspending all but six months.

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